full-time CMD in the Scooters India Limited;

(b) whether it is a fact that moves were made to appoint a cadre service officer for the post instead of a professional; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken to fill-up the post of CMD in the company at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

कागज का कारखाना स्थापित किया जाना

2022. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या बेतिया (बिहार) के कुमार बाग स्थित हिन्दुस्तान पेपर कारपोरेशन ने लुगदी और खोई से अखबारी कागज का निर्माण करने के लिए एक कारखाना स्थापित करने की पहल की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रस्ताव को स्वीकृति हेतु कब प्रस्तुत किया गया था और इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की गई;

(ग) क्या सरकार वर्ष 1994-95 में उक्त प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी देने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग में राज्यमंत्री) (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही): (क) से (घ) हिन्दुस्तान पेपर कारपोरेशन (एच० पी० सी०) ने कुमार बाग, बेतिया (बिहार) में खोई पर आधारित अखबारी कागज इकाई लगाने के लिए मार्च, 1978 में एक व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट तैयार की। कागज अथवा अखबारी कागज तैयार करने हेतु एच० पी० सी० का कोई नयी इकाई स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Development Centre for Industrialisation in Bihar

2023. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Government Development Centres so far established in the State of Bihar for the development of infrastructure for industries in the State alongwith details of such centres;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided to each of these centres by Government during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what was the actual achievement of these Development Centres towards industrialisation of Bihar during the last three years;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the number of Development Centres in Bihar; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, Bihar has been allotted six growth centres, one each in the districts of Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Chapra, Dharbhanga, Hazaribagh and Muzaffarpur. Project Reports of Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Hararibagh and Muzaffarpur received from the State Government have been sent for appraisal to the Industrial Finance Corporation of India. Work on growth centres is taken up after the project reports for the selected centres are appraised and approved by the Central Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of project by Cargil Inc.

2024. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US multinational Cargill Inc., has decided to with-

draw its project to set up a salt manufacturing project in Kutch region;

(b) if so, the details of the project and the reasons for the withdrawal; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) A letter of permission was issued to M/s. Cargill South-East Asia Ltd., Singapore in August, 1992 to set up a 100% export oriented unit in Kutch district of Gujarat for manufacture of 10 lakh tonnes of solar salt per annum, at the estimated cost of US $ 15 million, with the condition that the entire (100%) production will be exported. The party has, however, decided to withdraw the project due to non-availability of land and litigation involved.

Growth of SSI units in less developed areas

2025. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to encourage the growth of small scale industries in less developed areas; and

(b) what concessions are being offered to small scale industries, both registered and unregistered, to facilitate their growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The steps taken by Government to encourage the growth of small scale industries in less developed areas are:

(i) In the Union Budget for 1993-94, a five year tax holiday has been granted for new industrial undertakings located in all the North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Goa and U.T. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry. This step aims to give a stimulus to new investment in these States in which all the Districts are industrially backward.

(ii) A scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development (including technological back up services) for small scale industries in rural/backward areas with the objective to provide infrastructures like land, water, power lines, roads, communication, common and technological back up support to small scale industries in rural/backward areas is under finalisation.

(iii) Government of India also provide transport subsidy for development of small scale industries in North-Eastern Regions and some hilly areas.

(iv) State Government provide capital investment subsidy, sales tax exemption/deferment and power subsidy, etc. for growth of small scale industries in less developed areas.

(b) The concessions offered by Central Government to Small Scale Industries, both registered and unregistered, include exemption in excise duty, concessional rates of interest on loans, marketing facility of their products through NSIC and SSIDCs, reservation of items for exclusive manufacture, reservation of items for purchase, price preference in purchase from the small scale sector. Some of the important concessions provided by the State Governments related to land at concessional rate and on priority, investment subsidy, power subsidy, sales tax concessions, entry tax concessions, generating set subsidy, State transport subsidy, rebate of interest rates, rebate on octroi etc.

Impact of Liberalisation of economy on SSI units

2026. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale industries have performed better than other